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**Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/108,189
For: AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING
A SURGICAL PROCEDURE
Our Reference No: 23660-00611**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application are the following documents:

- (1) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 sheet);
- (2) Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); and
- (3) Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) (1 sheet).

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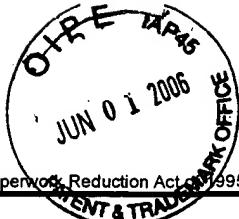
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	09,108,189
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First Named Inventor	Howard M. Tanner
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Small Entity	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=			50	25

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Small Entity	Fee (\$)
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\$905.00

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